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# GRISLY CHARGES

## SUBURBAN TEENS HELPED FRIEND KILL HIS PARENTS, OFFICIALS SAY

**Chicago Tribune**

After their friend was charged with his parents' murders, three southwest suburban teens managed to hide their own involvement in the grisly slayings for a month despite detectives' suspicions and their own loose lips, law enforcement officials said.

In initial interviews with police, the trio portrayed themselves as well-meaning friends who tried to stop John Granat Jr. from killing his parents Sept. 11, sources said. The teens believed themselves to be cooperating witnesses, as they willingly refuted Granat's alibi before a grand jury.

In conversations with friends, however, it was a much different story, law enforcement sources said. Several students at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Hills knew crucial details about the murders, officials said. None of them went to police.

The investigation remains open and others still could face charges as accessories to the murders, sheriff's spokesman Steve Patterson said.

Granat's lawyer would not say whether the teen had implicated his friends in the murders of his parents, John and Maria. But authorities have said Granat, 17, told investigators that he had opened the house to allow others to rob it and returned home to find his parents dead.

The teens' involvement remained a well-protected secret until one of them cracked under routine questioning Sunday, authorities said. The other two quickly followed, as prosecutors said they admitted to participating in Granat Jr.'s plot to kill his wealthy parents in their Palos Township home and split a wad of cash.



A memorial for John Granat, 44, and his wife Maria, 42, sits outside the family's unincorporated Palos Township home last month. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

Christopher Wyma, 17, Mohammed Salahat, 17, and Ehab Qasem, 19, were charged Tuesday with killing the Granats, who were beaten with baseball bats as they slept in their beds. Maria Granat, 42, also was stabbed at least 20 times after showing signs of life following the pummeling, prosecutors said.

In detailed, videotaped confessions, the

trio told authorities they had been scheming to kill the Granats for several months, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said.

Salahat drove Wyma and Qasem to the house and waited in the car as they went inside with Granat, carrying baseball bats, prosecutors said. Wyma and Qasem went to the darkened bedroom where the Granats lay



**John Granat Jr.**



**Ehab Qasem**



**Mohammed Salahat**



**Christopher Wyma**

### THE MONEY

After the murders, the teens ransacked the home and found \$35,000 in cash, prosecutors said. They drove to Christopher Wyma's house and divided the money, then told John Granat Jr. he had to go home and clean up the murder scene, prosecutors said.

asleep in their bed. The two stood over the sleeping couple and pounded them with bats until their faces were nearly unrecognizable, authorities said.

When John Granat, 44, awoke during the attack and tried to fight back, Qasem and Wyma both pummeled him, according to court records.

While his friends bludgeoned his parents, Granat Jr. went downstairs to search for cash he knew his parents kept hidden in the house, Dart said. Qasem soon joined Granat Jr. to tell him that his mother was still "making noises" in her room, prosecutors said. The 17-year-old responded by giving Qasem a knife and telling him to go back upstairs and "finish them off," prosecutors said.



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# Meanwhile, inside Dr Pepper's lair ...



**Ernest Wilkins**

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Wow! Who knew America could get so hard core about a soft drink.

Unless you missed it, let me fill you in. Dr Pepper launched an ad campaign this week for its new diet drink, Dr Pepper Ten, and the whole thing's been about as well-received as Crystal Pepsi. The public outcry isn't over the product—which is

only 10 calories!—but for the all-male everything approach to the ads, which feature aliens and G.I. Joe-style laser guns and the super-subtle tagline “It’s not for women.” There’s even a companion Facebook app that allows users to exclude women.

Now, the easy reaction would be to completely decimate the campaign for being misogynistic, but you know what? No. I’m not falling for that bait, and neither should you. All the press (OK, I’m guilty) and the angry posts on the company’s Facebook wall—this is exactly what some marketing schmo was hoping for.

Here is how I imagine this whole thing went down.

**President:** We’re happy to have you ad folks here today. We need a real winner.

**Ad guy:** Well, what’s the problem?

**Prez:** We’re getting absolutely whumped by when it comes to diet drinks. We need to strategize initial brand sponsor-lutions for optimum growth valuations.

**Ad guy:** Huh?

**Vice president:** Sorry, we just got back from a conference. He’s been using business terms in random combinations.

**Ad guy:** OK, then. Well, we did some focus group research and we think Dr Pepper is lacking in one key category: Idiots.

**Prez:** I’m listening...

**Ad guy:** Here’s the thing. We’ve seen time and time again that all you have to do is call something “diet” and people will buy it. Also, all it takes to get someone talking about your product is to infer that it’s not for everyone. What if we combined those and marketed that to an absolute lowest



common denominator?

**VP:** Idiots?

**Ad guy:** Idiots. We’ll ... um ... we’ll say it’s a drink for men! Yeah, that’s it. It’s for manly men who have beards and camp and don’t emote.

**Prez:** YES! Then we can completely ignore women, which will really piss them off—and maybe even want it more. And we can be all like, “Nyaah nyaah, girls can’t have this!”

**VP:** Amazing! We’ll make it super-exclusive and elite. It’s a diet pop for men who like to be manly!

**Ad guy:** Exactly. Make some vague references to what it means to be a “real man” and design the can like a bomb from “Halo”!

**Prez:** This is why they pay us the big bucks, people. Before we get started, let’s drum up some stats about how women “don’t care” that we’re excluding them!

**VP:** Good idea, so that way we cover our butts in case any misogynist idiot wants to defend us.

**Ad guy:** We’ll get started right away!

**Prez:** Wonderful. Now that we’ve tackled that, how can we ostracize other groups? Do Samoans drink soda?

ERNEST WILKINS IS CHICAGO’S WINGMAN.

## DAILY DEBATE

Did Esquire get it right by declaring Rihanna the sexiest woman alive? We asked readers on Facebook to name their picks. Here is a sampling.



Hands down Halle Berry, the full package.

—Lee Norris Tutt



Olivia Cockburn. Yes, I said Cockburn not Wilde.

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Mila Kunis is gorgeous.

—Therese Ruiz Kutzler



Salma Hayek!

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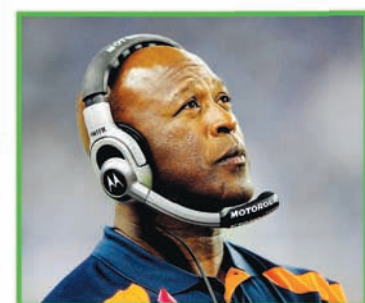
### The blame game

Who’s to blame for the Bears’ 2-3 start?



38% Team management

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22% The coaching staff

9% Mayor Emanuel

0% The turf

## TRENDING ALERT

### ‘The Avengers’

The movie trailer for “The Avengers” was released Tuesday morning, and fanboys lit up Twitter on Tuesday with praise for the two-minute sneak peek. The trailer promises explosions, fight scenes and Tony Stark’s trademark sass. “The Avengers” arrives May 4.

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Howard Bragman (left) and Chaz Bono  
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# DR. OUT

## PR WIZ HAS BEEN SHEPHERDING LGBT CELEBS OUT OF THE CLOSET FOR YEARS

By Georgla Garvey

REDEYE

If it seemed Chaz Bono made a seamless entry into public life as a transgender man, then a less famous name can take some of the credit: Howard Bragman.

The 55-year-old L.A. resident has become something of a coming-out expert for celebrities. He opened his first PR firm in the late '80s and was hired by a gay man who'd been kicked out of the Naval Academy for revealing his sexual orientation. Soon after, Bragman got his first celebrity client, Dick Sargent—Darren Stephens on "Bewitched"—who had decided he wanted to publicly come out of the closet.

In the decades since, Bragman has shepherded many others—about a dozen, by his count—including "Family Ties" actress Meredith Baxter, country singer Chely Wright (last year's Pride Parade grand marshal), former NBA player John Amaechi and CNN journalist Don Lemon.

His most high-profile client of late is Bono, the son of Cher and Sonny Bono, who recently made headlines after going public as being transgender, releasing a book, appearing in a documentary called "Becoming Chaz" on OWN and joining the cast of "Dancing With the Stars."

ABC's announcement of Bono's casting came with no small amount of controversy. Some fans threatened to boycott the show; others posted vitriolic comments online and conservative groups such as the Culture and Media Institute criticized the move, causing Cher to publicly defend her son on Twitter.

Throughout the years, Bragman said, he has sometimes taken flak for things that his PR clients did or said—such as when WNBA star Sheryl Swoopes told the media she believed being gay was a choice.

"Once I enter into a relationship—whether

I get paid or not—with somebody coming out or into a transition ... once I do that, then, frankly, I'm theirs. I'm going to give them the best advice I can," Bragman said. "I don't have the right to say to her, 'No, you can't say that.'"

Swoopes, who came out as gay in 2005, recently announced her engagement to a man. Bragman remembered the criticism he got for his then-client's comments.

"It turns out I made the right decision. And she made the right decision for her, because it was more fluid with her than it was with somebody else," he said. "My instincts served me well."

In the midst of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month, and in the wake of National Coming Out Day on Tuesday, RedEye talks to Bragman—a former Chicago resident—about his famous clients, his legacy and his outlook for the future of LGBT celebs.

### What was it like working with Chaz Bono as he publicly came out as transgender?

Chaz was out, technically, which was kind of a big irony to this issue. ... I told Chaz a couple of years ago, "I want you to be in 'Dancing With the Stars' after we launch the book and the [documentary]," and he looked at me and was like, "You're crazy. Yeah, they're gonna put me on 'Dancing With The Stars.'" ... I think the moment that Chaz stepped out onto the dance floor a few weeks ago on ["Dancing"] was the most important moment in the history of the transgender community. I can't imagine a bigger moment, because it got so much buzz, not just the 20 million people who watched, but the amount of buzz that got, and still is continuing to get, by the way.

### How would you approach the process of helping someone famous come out?

Everybody has a different reason [for coming

# LGBT FILES

## DISPATCHES ON TODAY'S GAY RIGHTS ISSUES

From gay soldiers being allowed to serve openly to bills allowing the federal government to recognize gay marriages, developments in LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) issues continue to make headlines in Chicago and beyond. RedEye offers this roundup of some of the recent, notable issues in the gay rights scene. **G.G.**

### MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNIONS

The Defense of Marriage Act was signed in 1996 by then-President **Bill Clinton**. The law defines marriage as only between a man and a woman and denies same-sex unions status for the purposes of federal benefits in areas including taxation and immigration.

In February, the Department of Justice announced that it would not defend DOMA in court because it was unconstitutional, but Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio) announced the House of Representatives would instead defend the law.

Six states and the District of Columbia allow gay and lesbian people to marry. Beginning June 1, Illinois became one of the 12 states that allowed civil unions for same-sex partners. Gov. Quinn signed the law in January.

The Respect For Marriage Act, introduced in Congress this year, would repeal DOMA.

On Friday, Illinois Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-9th), Mike Quigley (D-5th) and Luis Gutierrez (D-4th) held a hearing at Chicago City Hall on the issues related to same-sex marriage.

### DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

Another Clinton-era law, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," was the official policy of the U.S. military until this year. The 1993 law prohibited openly gay men and women from serving in the Armed Forces. In December, Congress repealed the law, which officially expired Sept. 20.

During a recent Republican presidential debate, controversy flared when candidates failed to rebuke audience members who booed a gay soldier.



### BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

After writer and activist **Dan Savage** began in September 2010 the "It Gets Better" campaign—in which LGBT people and allies made videos of encouragement for bullied youth—people and organizations including the Chicago Cubs, Ke\$ha and President Obama posted "It Gets Better" statements on YouTube.



Presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) entered the debate after the New York Times reported a rash of bullying-related suicides in her district. Bachmann said the matter wasn't a "federal issue," according to CBS, and since has said "bullying is wrong."

A recent report commissioned by CNN program "Anderson Cooper 360" found that it's not just social outcasts who are bullied at school.

This week, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed "Seth's Law," which requires anti-bullying measures at schools in that state.

### IMMIGRATION

Bi-national gay couples (those who are citizens of different countries) currently can't sponsor each other for Green Cards in the U.S., unlike opposite-sex spouses.

In September, Congress asked that the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice consider any "LGBT family ties" in making decisions about deportations.

### U.S. CENSUS

The Census Bureau announced in September that there were more than 901,000 same-sex couples in the U.S., but this month it revised those figures to just over 646,000. The bureau explained the incorrect figures, which before the revision appeared to show a much higher increase in same-sex couples from 2000, were due to coding mistakes.

out] and you want to do a different strategy. ... When [CNN anchor Don Lemon] came out, I wanted to respect his journalistic credibility, so we came out with Bill Carter at The New York Times, probably the finest media writer today. We came out on NPR. We did it with a lot of gravitas.

#### Do you think all gay celebs should come out?

No, I believe everybody should look deep inside their soul and do what's right for them. [But] I know plenty of young actors

who are out, people like Neil Patrick Harris and people like ["30 Rock" actor] Cheyenne Jackson. ... Not everybody is ready to come out at work or works in a place where they think they can.

#### What challenges do celebrities have that the average person doesn't when coming out?

I've had plenty of people come to me because they're about to be outed. Nobody's going to out your accountant or your plumber or your hairdresser.

#### Do you see celebrities coming out of the closet as impacting people's perceptions of LGBT people?

The day Chely Wright came out and was on "Oprah," the school in her conservative Kansas hometown, three kids in her high school went to the principal and came out. ... If that's all that ever happens from that, that was enough.

#### What was it like for you to come out?

I went to college. I fell in love with a guy in

my dorm. I couldn't hold the cafeteria tray straight. I was shaking. I went to college really fat and lost a lot of weight in college. I sort of didn't have to deal with sexuality until then. And things changed. ... [But] I've had so much more hate from my own community than I have from the straight community. Every gay activist of any kind shares the same experience and that makes me really, really sad. Absolutely. You can ask anybody.

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## QUOTABLE BILL CLINTON

Former President Bill Clinton spoke on a range of topics including Occupy Wall Street, a conversation he had with Steve Jobs and the economy Tuesday during his appearance at Chicago Ideas Week. **TRIBUNE**



**1** "The Occupy Wall Street crowd basically is saying, 'I'm unemployed and the people that caused this have their jobs again and their bonuses again and their incomes are high again. There's something wrong with this country. This is not working for me.' So I think it can be a good positive debate."

**2** "[Steve Jobs] said [of his cancer], 'I have beaten it back repeatedly, but I have fired all my ammunition and it keeps coming up with new ways to attack me. I'm not sure I've got any new weapons left, but I've had a good time trying to beat it.'"

**3** Clinton also pushed for a "broader job-generating strategy" including more green technology jobs and said in order for the country to rebound there needs to be less anti-government sentiment and more "networks of cooperation."

### EXPRESS LINES

- » An Alabama man, 25, was ordered held on bail after being charged with punching a Chicago police officer in the face at a protest outside the Art Institute on Monday, officials said.
- » White House chief of staff William Daley has told President Obama he will stay until after the 2012 re-election campaign but then wants to go home to Chicago, a senior administration official said Tuesday.
- » Police on Tuesday were questioning people and checking surveillance video after a Wisconsin woman was discovered fatally stabbed inside a River North hotel room.
- » Police are looking for a man they believe tried to lure a 12-year-old girl into his car in Rogers Park last month. He is described as a white man between 45 and 55 years old with brown and gray hair, blue eyes and wearing brown or black framed glasses with thick lenses. **TRIBUNE**



Mayor Emanuel's first budget proposal may include cutting police stations, according to sources.  
WILLIAM DESHAZER/TRIBUNE

# BELT TIGHTENING

## Sources: 3 police stations on the chopping block in M-Rahm's first budget

### Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel's first budget proposal will include increases in fines and fees and the closure of three district police stations, according to officials briefed on the matter.

The stations on the chopping block are Wood, on the near West Side; Belmont, near North Center; and Prairie, which is less than a mile away from police headquarters on the South Side.

The Police and Fire departments also are consolidating special units, including bomb

and arson squads, the marine unit and the anti-terrorism unit.

Emanuel also would boost the city share of the hotel tax by a percentage point, to 4.5 percent. And there would be an extra fee for parking in downtown garages during rush hour that is part of a "congestion pricing plan," the sources said.

The budget also would rely on declaring a relatively modest surplus in the city's special taxing districts, the sources said. Sometime next year, the city also would move to pick up garbage based on a grid system, a step that could save tens of millions of dollars a year, the sources said.

And at a time when other cities are closing libraries, the hours in Chicago might be cut, but they all would remain open, the sources said.

### PIECE OF THE PIE

Police and fire personnel account for most of the city's day-to-day spending.

The details leaked out Tuesday after the start of briefings given by top city budget officials to aldermen. Emanuel is set to deliver his first budget address to the city Wednesday. Emanuel stopped by an early briefing, sources said.

Absent from the briefings was any discussion of cuts at the Chicago Police Department. Although the mayor has pledged to maintain the number of cops on the street, he has not ruled out merging of district police buildings or cutting layers of management.

### No tanning for minors

Minors in the state of California no longer will be allowed to use tanning beds after Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill Sunday prohibiting anyone under the age of 18 from using ultraviolet tanning devices.

### An app for your sleep?

A new app that aims to improve both the quantity and quality of sleep uses brainwaves to track the amount of time spent in different stages of sleep. Called Sleep Manager, the app synchronizes with a headset that measures brain activity.

### Testimony in Jackson trial

Michael Jackson's three children "cried and cried and cried" when an emergency room doctor told them their father was dead, Dr. Conrad Murray said in a police interview two days after the pop icon's death.

### 'Underwear bomber' opening statements

Openings statements began Tuesday in the Detroit trial of the man branded the "underwear bomber." Farouk AbdulMutallab is accused of trying to ignite an explosive hidden in his underwear as a passenger on a Christmas Day flight in 2009.

### Senate blocks Obama's job plan

Opponents of President Obama's \$447 billion jobs plan had enough votes to block the measure in the Senate, with at least one Democrat joining Republicans to derail his prime proposal to help turn around the struggling economy.

# PLOT FOILED

## ATTORNEY GENERAL LIKENS PLAN TO KILL SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO HOLLYWOOD FILM

**WASHINGTON** The United States accused Iran on Tuesday of backing a plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to Washington, escalating tensions with Tehran and stirring up a hornet's nest in the Gulf, where Saudi Arabia and Iran have long jostled for power.

Authorities said they had broken up a plot by two men linked to the Iranian government to assassinate Saudi Ambassador Adel al-Jubeir. One was arrested last month while the other was believed to be in Iran.

Iran denied the charges. Saudi Arabia called the plot "a despicable violation of international norms, standards and conventions."

Revelation of the alleged plot, and the apparent direct ties to the Tehran government, had the potential to further inflame tensions in the Middle East and the U.S. said Tehran must be held to account.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called it a "blatant violation" of international norms. She expressed hope that countries that have hesitated to enforce existing sanctions on Iran would now "go the extra mile."

FBI Director Robert Mueller told reporters the convoluted plot, involving drug cartels in Mexico, big payments of money and an attempt to kill the ambassador in a Washington restaurant, could have been material for a Hollywood movie.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder pointed to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, which is the guardian of Iran's 32-year-old revolution, and the Quds force, its covert, operational arm.

"High-up officials in those [Iranian] agencies, which is an integral part of the Iranian government, were responsible for this plot," Holder said.

"I think one has to be concerned about the

Attorney General Eric Holder (foreground) and FBI Director Robert Mueller announce Tuesday that a plot involving men allegedly linked to the Iranian government to kill the Saudi ambassador to the U.S. had been foiled. **GETTY IMAGES**



chilling nature of what the Iranian government attempted to do here."

### COOL RELATIONS

There are no formal diplomatic ties between the Islamic republic of Iran and Washington, which accuses Tehran of backing terrorism and pursuing nuclear arms, a charge Iran has denied. Iran and Saudi Arabia likewise have long been at odds. The Saudis, who see themselves as the center of the Sunni sect of Islam, have been alarmed by what they see as expansionist tendencies by majority Shi'ite Iran, whose people are primarily Persian rather than Arab.



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# The heat is on

The Fire are peaking at the right time, but is it enough to make the playoffs?



## Whizzer

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Soccer's my kind of game—I can get into any kind of sport that involves chasing a ball without using your hands, er, paws. Of course, the guys who play in the MLS are way better at it than I am. Take the Chicago Fire (7-8-16): They've won five of their past seven matches and are knocking on the door of a playoff berth. The Fire don't have much room for error, however. They pretty much have to win their last three matches to get in, and here's what my crystal ball is telling me.

### vs. FC Dallas (13-11-7)

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, CSN

**Setup:** Dallas needs a win to clinch a playoff spot of its own but has lost four straight entering this match.

**Extra motivation:** This match will determine who wins the Brimstone Cup, which goes to the winner of the season series between the clubs. The Fire have won these bragging rights only once—in 2001. That means they're waaay overdue.

**Prediction:** Fire 2, Dallas 1

### at D.C. United

6:30 p.m. Saturday

**Setup:** United is just ahead of the Fire in the Eastern Conference standings. What better setup could the Fire ask for than to have their destiny in their own hands?

**Extra motivation:** The Fire dominated most of the other matchup between the teams this season, but they gave up a late goal and

settled for a 1-1 draw. Chicago goalkeeper Sean Johnson, who is among the league leaders in goals-against average (1.28), likely won't let it happen again.

**Prediction:** Fire 1, D.C. 0

### vs. Columbus

7:30 p.m. Oct. 22

**Setup:** The Crew will be out for revenge after the Fire stole one in Columbus earlier this season with a goal in stoppage time.

**Extra motivation:** Uh, with a playoff berth in their grasp, I really hope the Fire don't need any.

**Prediction:** Fire 1, Columbus 1

It's unfortunate, but it seems like a tie is the only fitting end for this up-and-down season for the Fire. It's too bad, really; I love outdoor playoff games in the fall. I don't even need a sweater.

## Rest in peace, 2011 Bears



**Scott Bolohan**

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The 2011 Chicago Bears tragically died Monday in Detroit. They were only 5 games old.

Born following labor difficulties to the wildly overachieving 2010 Chicago Bears in Bourbonnais, Ill., the 2011 Bears followed in their parents' footsteps and were successful at a young

age, defeating Atlanta 30-12 in Week 1. Expectations for the season were raised to unmanageable levels.

But they soon learned pedigree doesn't guarantee success, as they fell to New Orleans and Green Bay in consecutive weeks and hit rock bottom. But they had a bit of a comeback after turning to desperate measures by giving Matt Forte the ball on pretty much every play, which found them quick relief in a 34-29 win over lowly Carolina.

However, their fate was sealed on the turf of Ford Field. The game began with the Bears undisciplined and overmatched by younger Detroit, though they managed to put together a 10-7 halftime lead.

Unfortunately, this was the beginning of the end for the Bears. In the second half, they were dominated by the Lions' pass rush and failed to put a hand on Jahvid Best on his 88-yard touchdown run. The Bears' season was put on life support but never regained consciousness.

The cause of death was unclear, but doctors haven't ruled out foul play following the discovery of huge holes at offensive line and wide receiver. Full autopsy results aren't expected for 12 weeks.

"I can't believe they're dead. There's no way the Lions can keep this up. We still have a chance, right?" asked every Bears fan, in a state of denial despite knowing the truth deep down. "They were so young."

The 2011 Chicago Bears are survived by Forte, who probably won't be a part of the organization much longer.

Funeral arrangements are being made at Soldier Field, seeing as burying a football team in the turf probably would only improve the field conditions.

In lieu of flowers, fans are asked to make a donation by volunteering to play offensive line or to coordinate the offense.

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**1 Why did the Bears have so many false starts Monday?**

It's tough to go from 0 to ... 0.

Since Detroit is making history, the Bears tried to set their own record?

Because they are bad at football.

Because a false start is reflective of the Bears season thus far.

Because their offensive line is bad at playing football.

**2 Calvin Johnson is to wide receivers as ...**

... Tank Johnson is to the Bears. Why can Chicago Johnsons never score?

... Rick Ross is to large black men with beards. The BAWSE.

... other ineptly named sports stars are to their teams. Megatron? What does he transform into? A kicker?

... Optimus Prime is to the Autobots. He has transformed his team from lambs to Lions!

... Jerry Angelo is to building a mediocre football team.

**3 What would you do if you saw Theo Epstein at Starbucks?**

Foam at the mouth. He's yummy!

Nothing, since I just Googled a pic of him. Looks like a regular bro.

I wouldn't ask him if he was Theo Epstein, because I KNOW WHAT THEO EPSTEIN LOOKS LIKE.

Order a tall, skinny chai latte and have a Boston tea party for the Cubs.

I'd try to pressure him to sign me to a terrible Carl Crawford-style contract.

**4 Whom is this quote about: The "upside for him is pretty amazing"?**

Tim Tebow. But I think they meant "backside."

No idea, but I'm guessing Jon Gruden or Mel Kiper said it. Goons.

I'm going to go out on a limb and say no one on the Bears' O-line.

Jerry Angelo talking about the high-risk, oft-injured offensive linemen the Bears draft next year.

Jay Cutler's physical therapist because he or she will be well-employed for the long haul.

**5 Giving birth after running a marathon is like ...**

... winning the human race.

... NOTHING. Even Chuck Norris was in awe. People still make Chuck Norris jokes, right?

... no comment. I have strong opinions on this one.

... the perfect analogy: pain; cramps; stretching; short, quick breaths; crying; and soiled britches!

... getting crushed repeatedly by Ndamukong Suh one week and Jared Allen the next.

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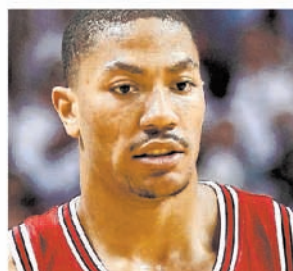
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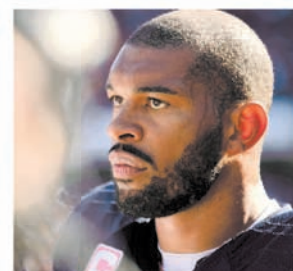


The Big Hurt is officially in the beer business. White Sox legend Frank Thomas will tap the first keg of his namesake brew, Big Hurt Beer, and hand out samples from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Binny's Beverage Depot (1132 S. Jefferson St.). **Bighurtbeer.com** describes the beverage it as "a crisp, full-flavored lager with all-star taste and a smooth finish." We're not really sure what "all-star taste" is, but we have an idea as to what other Chicago athletes should have their own brews.



**Derrick Rose**  
*Bulls*

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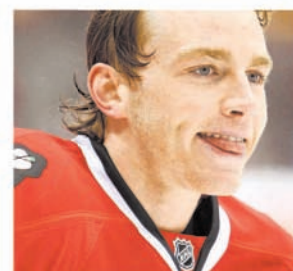
**Julius Peppers**  
*Bears*

His name lends itself to just about anything food related, including a spicy red ale of some kind.



**Adam Dunn**  
*White Sox*

Only a full-bodied stout will do for Dunn. Then again, maybe he should stick with light beer for the time being.



**Patrick Kane**  
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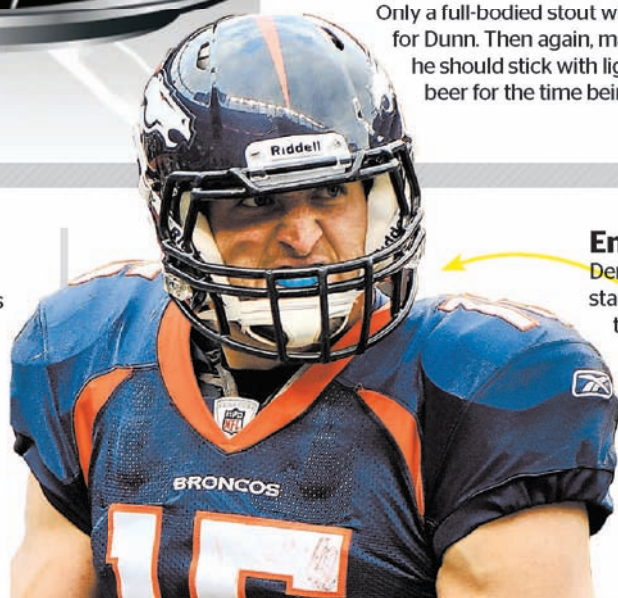
—Blackhawks defenseman **Sean O'Donnell**, on soaking in the postgame cold tub to help his muscles recover



#### Next up for Cubs: Epstein?

Maybe that guy who says he saw **Theo Epstein** at a Starbucks in Chicago over the weekend wasn't seeing things, after all. According to a

Boston Herald report, the Red Sox general manager is on the verge of leaving Boston to take a position with the Cubs. The Cubs had no comment on the report.



#### End of the Orton era

Denver coach John Fox said Tuesday he'll start **Tim Tebow** when the Broncos return from their bye week. Tebow supplants Kyle Orton, the former Bears starter who has struggled since winning the job in training camp. Orton already has thrown seven interceptions. The good news for Orton? He won't have to worry about getting sacked 50-plus times a year like Jay Cutler. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

#### One Blackhawk to go, please

Fans at a Chicago-area Qdoba will get a little extra treat Wednesday. According to the team's Facebook page, Patrick Kane and Patrick Sharp will film a commercial for Blackhawks TV at 5:30 p.m. at a surprise location. We're sure there are plenty of fans who wish the forwards were on the takeout menu.

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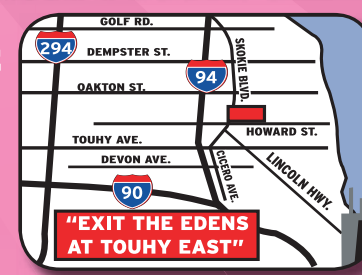
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## Original Pumpkin Billy Corgan is ready to stop being the aggressor

### CHI-TUNES

#### Andy Downing

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Forgive Smashing Pumpkins front-man Billy Corgan for feeling as though he's recently been living in something of a time warp.

The Chicago native and sole remaining original band member, who brings the latest iteration of the Pumpkins to the Riviera Theatre this weekend, has been holed up in the recording studio for nearly six months putting the final touches on the group's next record, "Oceania" (expected later this year, maybe), while working concurrently on reissues of early albums "Gish" and "Siamese Dream."

"It feels a little like past, present, future at times," said Corgan, 44, who splits his time between Chicago and L.A. "I'll walk in one room and I'll have to remember something that happened in 1989, then I'll walk in the other room and do an overdub on a new song."

In a recent phone interview, the singer discussed where he goes when he wants to get a taste of home, the influence professional wrestling had on his past onstage behavior and which Smashing Pumpkins album still holds a special place in his heart.

**Obviously you've heard about R.E.M. breaking up. I'm guessing you're someone who can appreciate the difficulty of keeping a band together over the long haul.**

I also know all those guys personally. Not, like, BFFs, but Mike Mills played on "Siamese Dream," I've known Michael [Stipe] since 1991 and I've been to Peter Buck's house and hung out. I know them as people, and I'm really surprised because if you said, "Name a band you don't think will ever break up," I would think of them.

# MR. 'NICER' GUY

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TOP 5 SHOWS THROUGH SUNDAY

### Stepdad

10 p.m. Fri. at Double Door  
Love the ex-Chicagoans' new record.

### Portugal. The Man

9 p.m. Sat. at Metro  
Glad they got their stuff back!



### Ziggy Marley

9 p.m. Fri. at Cubby Bear  
Small venue for him.

### The Lonely Forest

9 p.m. Fri. at Hideout  
Pretty and, uh, leafy.

**Does the Smashing Pumpkins still feel like a band to you in the same way it did 15-20 years ago?**

Not at all. It feels like a different band with a different set of agendas and a different point of view. The original band hasn't really existed since '96 in full form. I'm on like my sixth band variation or something since then, so it feels very far away.

**Do you still feel the same connection to Chicago you did in the past?**

No. I think we had a massive influx of yuppie types—the Starbucks generation—that really changed the complexion of the city, in my eyes, for the worse, because they had no connection to the local culture. It's a homogenous class that might as well be living in Charlotte or Indianapolis.

**Are there still places you can go that have that same energy you remember from the past?**

Oh, of course. You still run into a lot of the people who are salt of the Earth.

**Where in particular do you go when you're looking for that taste of home?**

There's nothing like being in the city and seeing the hot dog stand on the corner. You know it's gonna be good, so you go in and the guy behind the counter recognizes you and the next thing you know you're talking about the Bears. I still have that, but I still feel over the last 10 years we've lost something that's not going to be easy to get back.

**You're also working on reissues of the early Pumpkins records, correct?**

Yeah, we're going to put out "Gish" and "Siamese Dream" with extra discs and a DVD component—actually, both DVD components are from Chicago shows at the Metro.

**I've always had a soft spot for "Adore." Is there a record of yours you hold in a particularly high regard?**

That's a good question. I have such mixed

**Smashing Pumpkins**

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feelings about all of them. I'm going to get into "Adore" next year for the reissues. It'll be interesting to go back through that, because that was a really difficult time. Essentially it was the end of the band, so I was dealing with that. I was also dealing with the loss of my mother, the loss of Jimmy [Chamberlin] not being in the group and a divorce.

**Back in 2008 you did an interview with the Chicago Tribune where you talked about how most of your heroes got lame when they turned 40 ...**

[Laughs] Yeah. How about it?

**Is that something you still worry about?**

No, because—I'll be somewhat self-aggrandizing—I've turned the corner on that because I've been willing to look in the mirror and say, "What about you needs to change? Where have you lost the plot?" I don't know how to put it in words. There's an ephemeral quality when I seem to be on my game, and all indications are that's in this album.

**In general, do you think there's anything you can't do now at 44 that you could do at 24?**

Actually no. I'm lucky in that I have the genetics and I can still sing.

**Do you ever wonder if your past tendency to engage in some of those public feuds is an extension of your obsession with pro wrestling?**

You know, that's actually had a huge influence on me, and some would say for the negative. The key with pro wrestling is you want to create energy, whether it's good energy or bad energy. Oftentimes I'll face an audience that's very apathetic ... so sometimes playing the heel, as they say in wrestling, gets people out of their hypnosis. I've always been willing to bear the downside price of my insanity, because I feel like, "Hey, it's art. Deal with it." That said, I don't see that as being part of the Smashing Pumpkin shows anymore. I think it's something we're ready to move on from, and the focus right now is really on the music.

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## Rachael Yamagata

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"Chesapeake"  
(Self-released)

Three years ago, singer-songwriter Rachael Yamagata (long ago the frontwoman for Chicago outfit Bum-

pus) released "Elephants ... Teeth Sinking Into Heart," an album that split into separate discs of softness and anger and wound up feeling overlong and disjointed as a result. So it's awfully nice that the comparatively concise, 10-track "Chesapeake" kicks off with the pretty yet compelling pop-rocker "Even If I Don't" and maintains a healthy variety and momentum throughout.

Sure, there are the clunky lyrics ("Something about you is like drinking a cold glass of water" from "Starlight") and the forgettable coffeehouse fare ("Saturday Morning," which invites Colbie Caillat comparisons, never a good thing). Yet the album is mostly a lovely, sometimes chilling showcase for Yamagata's smoky pipes and her heartbroken balladry, as she lands somewhere between Ray LaMontagne and Norah Jones on the sweet "Stick Around" and laments, "My friends become my foes and my foes become my friends" on the swaggering, Fiona Apple-esque "The Way It Seems To Go."

Of course, nothing can top the anguish of "You Won't Let Me." When Yamagata sings, "I'd do anything for you, but you won't let me," everyone listening will know exactly what she means, from experience.

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**Tickets:** \$12; 773-650-1331; [cornservatory.org](http://cornservatory.org)

### Gumbo Fiction Salon

Cocktails are likely to remain where they belong—in your hand, not your hair—at this new monthly reading series hosted by Twilight Tales publishing founder Tina Jens. However, you still should beware of flying objects, as Jens plans to fling Mardi Gras beads into the audience to help celebrate the series’ New Orleans Carnival parade vibe. In a nod to Halloween, October’s featured guest is horror novelist Jay Bonansinga (“The Walking Dead”); an open mic follows.

**Go:** 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at Galway Arms, 2442 N. Clark St.

**Tickets:** \$4; \$2 for students; 773-472-5555

### Splatter Theater

A quarter century ago, Annoyance Productions debuted its very first show, a satire of the “Friday the 13th” movies. The gory tradition continues as “blood” explodes across the all-white stage when a high-school jock, a nun, a virgin, a “slut” and other archetypal characters get murdered in creatively gruesome ways. Stick around afterward and you can watch the actors scrub down the set.

**Go:** 10 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 28; 10 p.m. Oct. 30; 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway

**Tickets:** \$20; 773-561-4665; [theannoyance.com](http://theannoyance.com)

### Queer Comedy (Contest)

For this month’s installment of Queer Comedy, host Adam Guerino ups the ante with a contest, in which eight local LGBT comedians compete for a paid feature spot at Zanies and other prizes. While the judges—including BET and Comedy Central comedian Cynthia Levin and local comedy producers Dave Odd (Edge Comedy) and Nellie Huggins (The Lincoln Lodge)—deliberate, Guerino tosses out food-like props and leads the audience in a competition with categories such as “best heckler,” where you can strategically toss (or get hit by) those props to win your own prizes. Guerino also doesn’t discount the possibility of a Gallagher-style, watermelon-smashing comic taking the stage among the competitors.

**Go:** 9:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at Zanies, 1548 N. Wells St.

**Tickets:** \$10-\$15 plus a two-drink minimum; 312-337-4027; [zanies.com](http://zanies.com)

### Art Movement and Artist Takeover

Looking for a sexy way to get messy? Local visual artists Anchor’d Journey (Nathan Valenzuela, Alberto Lopez, Thomas Orduno and Carlos Hernandez) take the stage for two nights with Halloween-themed body painting show-cases, followed by optional free, non-toxic body painting sessions for you. On Oct. 26, they team up with Art Movement artists and DJ group Excursions for a party at Subterranean. The following day at Frontier in Noble Square, see additional models with airbrushed masquerade masks strike poses around the bar during the show and browse a gallery of works for sale.

**Go:** 9 p.m. Oct. 26 at Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. (Art Movement) and 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at Frontier, 1072 N. Milwaukee Ave. (Artist Takeover)

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What do Chicago Cut Steakhouse, **Girl & the Goat**, Paris Club, Next and coming-soon Tavernita have in common? They all got shout-outs in Esquire magazine's Best New Restaurants feature for 2011.



# Daybreak

13 new spots to mix up your usual lunch routine

By Lisa Arnett | REDEYE

When the lunch hour beckons and you're craving something new, you should know that the season's freshest lunch options seem to have divided themselves into three camps. There are the work-worthy lunches in River North and the Loop, a handful of casual cafes north of downtown and a fleet of catch-'em-if-you-can food trucks. Here's the lowdown on all of the above. [LMARNETT@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:LMARNETT@TRIBUNE.COM) | @MMXDINING

## DOWNTOWN BUSINESS LUNCH

### Michael Jordan's Steak House

505 N. Michigan Ave.  
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**Best for:** Fancy lunch meeting

**Order:** The expense report-worthy filet mignon cobb salad (\$23), patty melt (\$17) or for the steak-averse, grilled cheese made with rotating cheese options from local shop Pastoral (\$13).

### Roka Akor Sushi & Steak

111 W. Illinois St.  
312-477-7652

**Best for:** Schmoozing a client

**Order:** The \$28 business lunch. The meal kicks off with lobster miso soup, wagyu and kimchee dumplings and a spicy butterfish roll before moving on to your choice of entree with rice: grilled veggies, teriyaki salmon, barbecued pork loin or steak (six-ounce filet or skirt steak) for \$6 more.

### Wildberry Pancakes & Cafe

130 E. Randolph St.  
312-938-9777

**Best for:** Budget diners

**Order:** Fall harvest salad with apples, cranberries, blue cheese and walnut vinaigrette (\$9.25), turkey sandwich on a pretzel roll with cranberry-pecan mayo (\$9.95) or the south-west veggie wrap with avocado, black beans and bell pepper (\$8.95).



2 Sparrows  
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## CASUAL NORTH SIDE LUNCHES

### Kingsbury Street Cafe

1523 N. Kingsbury St.  
312-280-1718

**Best for:** Health nuts

**Order:** Vegan "tuna" melt with chickpeas and roasted tomatoes (\$8), quinoa salad with almonds, apples and greens (\$8) or a bean-and-bulgur veggie burger with mushrooms, peppers and onions (\$9; \$10 with cheese).

### Jam 'n' Honey

958 W. Webster Ave.  
773-327-5266

**Best for:** Weekday brunch

**Order:** The Italian eggs Benedict with bacon-cheddar risotto cakes (\$12), chicken and waffles with honey-vanilla butter (\$12) and oatmeal pancakes with lemon-blueberry compote (\$9.50). P.S. Forget the jam and honey; there's a jar of Nutella on every table to dress up your toast.

### 2 Sparrows

553 W. Diversey Pkway.  
773-234-2320

**Best for:** Foodie friends

**Order:** Salmon BLT with house-smoked bacon and heirloom tomato (\$13), cous cous with roasted butternut squash and a sage-brown butter sauce (\$9, right) or the market salad with fennel, pickled beets, goat cheese and candied walnuts (\$9).



## LUNCH ON THE RUN

Keep an eye out for these new food trucks making rounds during lunchtime.

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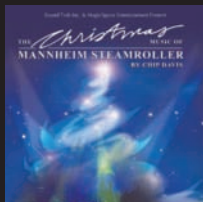
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# FOOD FIGHT

SETTLING AGE-OLD, DELICIOUS DISAGREEMENTS ONE ARGUMENT AT A TIME

Some like their pizza cut in squares, while others swear by slices. For as long as we've been stuffing our faces with delicious food, there have been conflicts about the way we eat it. Addressing such fervent foodie issues, we are proud to continue Food Fight.

**This week:** Should chili be made with beans?

## YEP

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## NOPE

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Beef, tomatoes, onion, spices? What you've just described to me sounds suspiciously like stew. And if it's ground beef we're talking about, I'd slap it on a bun and call it a sloppy joe. But chili, it is not. If I'm going to sit down to a bowl of this fall mini-feast, it better be hearty enough to hold all the shredded cheese and crackers I'm going to be throwing its way, and that means it's got to have beans. I don't care if the can says chili beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, black beans or cannellini beans—they're going in there. You can point to the "original recipes" all you want; I say chili deserves more than just some meat juice and spice.

It's true that I don't like beans in chili, but I'm going to put my personal bias aside for the purpose of this argument. Texas-style chili is traditionally made with beef and chili peppers. Beans were introduced into the equation somewhere along the line, but that would qualify as sacrilege for chili purists, including the fine folks over at the International Chili Society. So unless you want to be called out for chili blasphemy at your next football-watching party, leave the beans at home. Don't mess with Texas, y'all!

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# Panty raid

## Do these pantyline promises hold up?

### Chicago Tribune

Unless you're a fan—or tolerator—of thongs, finding underwear that leaves no visible panty lines (VPL) can prove maddeningly difficult. They tend to ride up, bunch up or dig in to create bulges where you least need them. Never fear, comrades in yoga pants and jersey dresses. We searched for the best everyday panties for a smooth silhouette and tested a drawerful, and here's what we found (different body shapes will fit every panty differently).



### Soma Intimates \$15-\$16 at [soma.com](http://soma.com)

A wide band of silicone adhesive runs along the inside edges of the seamless seat, leaving zero panty lines while preventing the panties from riding up all day. With no elastic, the smooth spandex/nylon panty sits flat against curves rather than digging in. Fun and flattering cuts, colors and patterns and a cotton gusset round out our reasons for naming Soma our fave. The silicone adhesive does take some time getting used to, though, and we wonder how it might feel on a hot summer day or during a sweaty workout.

### Victoria's Secret Bare Ultimate

\$11.50 at [victoriasecret.com](http://victoriasecret.com)

These supremely comfortable, seamless panties have a swimsuitlike texture (nylon/spandex) that is taut, smooth and sporty. They promise “no slide” thanks to a feltlike band (not sticky) along the inside edges of the waist and leg openings—but the hip-huggers we tried did ride up somewhat after a bit of walking. There were no panty lines, but there was a little bulging.



### Bali (No Lines, No Slip)

\$7.49 at [onehanesplace.com](http://onehanesplace.com)

The super-light nylon/spandex material is silky-smooth under clothing, while the leg openings are held firmly in place by an elastic band plus a rubbery adhesive that runs along the inside edge of the seat. These panties did not budge throughout a day of activity, and though there's elastic, it hits the leg at just the right place to hide lines. A drawback is the granny-panty, full-coverage style, which peeks over the top of many low- or mid-rise pants and isn't attractive clothes-off.



### Jockey No Panty Line Promise Luxe

\$9.50 at [jockey.com](http://jockey.com)

Clingy clothes slide effortlessly over these ultra-thin, slippery-smooth nylon/spandex undies. The rear is held down by elastics that give no panty lines, prevent ride-up and, for the most part, don't dig in. Though more modern than the Bali panties we tried, these bikinis still have a full-coverage bottom that isn't the most flattering cut.



### My Skins \$12 at [myskins.com](http://myskins.com)

With 20 flesh tones to choose from (they send you a color card so you can find your best match), these panties aim to be an extension of your own skin and disappear under whites. With not a seam in sight, the somewhat shiny nylon/spandex material lies flat for a smooth, lump-free look—but as soon as you start walking, the underwear starts shifting, as there's nothing holding those edges down. I spent most of the day finding a wall to back into so I could adjust.



### Commando \$26 at [herlook.com](http://herlook.com)

Worn by runway models at New York Fashion Week—designer Prabal Gurung called Commando's seamless thong a “show must-have”—these totally seamless “invisible” underwear have precision-cut edges that leave no lines or bulges. The firm yet stretchy, matte material (nylon/spandex) has a nice weight and comes in a variety of fun colors and designs, in addition to three shades of nude. Our reviews of the “girl short” were mixed on ride-up: Some testers said they stayed put, while others reported they slid up and wrinkled in the back while walking.



### Barely There

\$7.49 at [onehanesplace.com](http://onehanesplace.com)

No panty lines or ride-up on these sporty skivvies, but the uber-tight fit of the thick microfiber creates butt bulges and muffin tops that defeat the goal of a smooth silhouette. These might work if you have minimal body fat, but even then, the texture of the material, which is also used in the gusset, can feel a bit constricting, leaving no question that they are there.



### Hanky Panky

\$29 at [hankypanky.com](http://hankypanky.com)

The only cotton panties of the bunch (made of organic supima cotton, with a touch of spandex) also had quite a few seams, so we were surprised when Hanky Panky suggested this hipster as its VPL-free offering. But the flattering V-shaped, lace waistband gave no muffin top, and the elastic leg openings prevented ride-up and did a surprisingly good job of hiding panty lines. Still, clothes didn't fall smoothly over the cotton, which wrinkled up.

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# Too soon for jokes about Steve Jobs?

## The Wrap

The death of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs has put the Onion in a difficult position, as the satiric news magazine struggles to remain irreverent without being insensitive. How expertly it has walked that fine line is up for debate.

Though Jobs' death last week has inspired an outpouring of grief from fans of iProducts the world over, the Onion hasn't shied away from adding its own spin to the mass-appreciations and tributes to the beloved tech giant.

Headlines for videos and articles on the

Onion carry such dcoozies as "Last Bastion of U.S. Economy Succumbs to Pancreatic Cancer" and "Apple User Actingv Like His Dad Died." Most provocative of all is a Web video entitled "Apple Announces Plans to Release Steve Jobs 2.0."

Will the Onion prove that laughter is the best medicine for grief? The makeshift memorials at Apple stores and the tributes that flooded Facebook and Twitter demonstrate that people across the globe felt a deep kinship with him.

## Coming soon: iDocumentary

## The Wrap

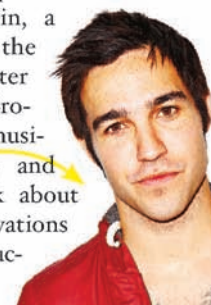
Discovery Channel has announced a quickly produced new documentary that will look back at the many ways Apple visionary Steve Jobs influenced modern life.

"MythBusters" hosts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman will host the documentary "iGenius: How Steve Jobs Changed the World," which will premiere Oct. 16 on Discovery Channel.

"Someone once said that to follow the path that others have laid before you is a very reasonable course of action, therefore all progress is made by unreasonable men," Savage said. "Steve Jobs was an unreasonable man. He didn't simply give the public what they wanted, he defined entirely new ways of thinking about our lives in the digital space:

productivity, creativity, music, communication, media and art. He has touched, directly and indirectly, all of our lives."

Interviewees lined up for the documentary include John Draper, an engineer who helped start Jobs' career; Daniel Kottke, a friend who traveled to India with Jobs and became an early Apple employee; Lee Felsenstein, a founding member of the Homebrew Computer Club; journalists Tom Brokaw and Toure; and musicians Stevie Wonder and **Pete Wentz**, who talk about how Jobs' musical innovations added to their career successes.



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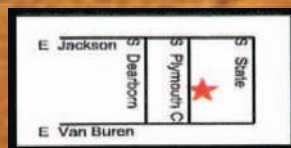
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## SWIFTY BUSINESS

Tay's next album won't be out until 2012, but fans can sate their cravings with the "Speak Now World Tour Live" CD and DVD, out Nov. 21. And what goes better with Thanksgiving turkey than live the live version of "Back to December"?

### But you can call her Ms. Swift—why is she really getting all of these awards?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

There just are not enough honors in the world for Taylor Swift. Billboard announced Tuesday that she'd been named its Woman of the Year—and at 21, she's the youngest artist ever to receive the honor. T-Swizzle also was nominated Tuesday for three American Music Awards. What's making her so, well, honorable? We combed through the data and came to these completely unscientific conclusions. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

62%

High-fiving **Kanye West** when she saw him at the Met costume gala in May. Definitely the coolest way to handle THAT situation.

20%

Her ability to get awesome stars to show up onstage at her concerts. A recent sampling: B.o.B, T.I., **Nicki Minaj**, Usher and (squeel!) Justin Bieber.

10%

To make her feel less sad about the whole **Taylor Lautner** thing. However, she did tell the New Yorker that her 2012 album will be about moving on, so maybe she's on that already.

5%

Speaking of the 17-year-old **Bieb**, he'll feel *really* cool when he finally wins Billboard's Man of the Year award. Wait, that doesn't exist? What gives?!

3%

She catered her own 21st birthday party. You know those awards committees are always looking for a free snack.



# TOTALLY TAYLOR



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#### TUESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Lieberman or Hatch: abbr.  
4 Very willing  
9 Actor \_ Sharif  
13 Sneak \_; approach stealthily  
15 Hand protector  
16 Nat King \_  
17 Four and five  
18 After-bath wraparounds  
19 Border  
20 Truce  
22 Ooze out  
23 Siesta  
24 Cow's remark  
26 Concur  
29 Dispute settlers  
34 Gown or frock  
35 Meal in the sty  
36 Funny person  
37 Female relative  
38 Irritate by too much rubbing  
39 Philosopher  
40 " \_ whiz!"  
41 Similar  
42 Handbag  
43 Optional class  
45 \_ around; dominated  
46 Japan's dollar  
47 Tells a fib  
48 Boast  
51 Baptizes  
56 Merit  
57 Old \_; familiar hangout  
58 Burden  
60 Pinnacle  
61 Firstborn of two  
62 Racing sled  
63 SAT, for one  
64 Dictation taker  
65 Capture

#### DOWN

- 1 Source of light & heat  
2 Narrative poem  
3 Zilch  
4 Way out  
5 In the air  
6 Asian desert  
7 Hardly \_; seldom

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9 Wildcat  
10 A la \_; topped with ice cream  
11 Pond scum  
12 Stink  
14 Closest  
21 Observes  
25 Middle East export  
26 Saying  
27 Thin porridge  
28 Actress \_ Zellweger

- 29 Fully conscious  
30 Abounding  
31 Pitchers  
32 Dishwasher cycle  
33 Spirited horse  
35 Prison knife  
38 \_ a deal; makes a potential sale certain  
39 Actress Rosalind \_  
41 Feasted  
42 Verse writer  
44 Young swan

- 45 Nightclub  
47 \_ closet; cabinet for storing bedding & tablecloths  
48 Hit repeatedly  
49 Speed contest  
50 Upper limbs  
52 Sentry's cry  
53 Impolite  
54 Person, place or thing  
55 Heroic tale  
59 Young socialite

#### TODAY IN THE YEAR...

**1998:** Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student, died five days after being beaten and lashed to a fence; two men were charged with his murder.

**2001:** The United Nations and its secretary general, Kofi Annan, won the Nobel Peace Prize.



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## THE DIGIT

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That's the number of nominations Adele snagged Tuesday for the American Music Awards, including artist of the year, according to **thr.com**. The show airs at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 on ABC.

# THE LIBERACE IDENTITY



Might we see Matt Damon make out with Michael Douglas? Maybe. Douglas will play superstar pianist Liberace and Damon his lover, Scott Thorson, in a new biopic for HBO Films, according to **thr.com**. "Contagion" director Steven Soderbergh is on board, and production is scheduled to begin next summer. The project's title: "Behind the Candelabra."



**“I’m writing a show with @JonahHill It’ll be half Breaking Bad and half Storage Wars.”**

Tweet from Chicago comic Hannibal Buress (@hannibalburess) on his new sitcom project with Fox.

### DJ with a cause

Attention, guidettes! Here's your chance to win a date with DJ Pauly D. One of Jersey's most eligible bachelors is auctioning himself for charity. This isn't just an easy way for Pauly to find a smush-mate (we think)—he's donating proceeds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Awww!

### Sexy. Humble. Cover girl.

Rihanna is so hot, not even seaweed can make her look ugly. Esquire's November issue, which proclaims the pop star the sexiest woman alive, proves that beyond a doubt. Though to hear her tell it: "At the end of a concert, I don't feel like I've been this sexy thing," she tells the mag. "Really, I don't even think about it." Could have fooled us.

### 'Feel the love'

Do Jay-Z and Beyonce have a baby Cupid on the way? The mom-to-be is due in February, she announced on the Australian TV show "Sunday Night," according to **people.com**. She later performed her song "Love on Top," urging the crowd to "feel the love that's growing inside me." Hey, that's the line from the VMAs!



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